

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 NAHA 00445 170938Z

17

ACTION PM-03

INFO OCT-01 EA-06 ISO-00 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 RSC-01 CIAE-00

DODE-00 INR-05 NSAE-00 PA-01 USIA-06 PRS-01 L-01

AEC-05 ACDA-05 SAJ-01 OPR-01 SY-04 A-01 OC-01 CCO-00

AID-05 OMB-01 NIC-01 DRC-01 /073 W

----- 020695

P R 170901Z OCT 74

FM AMCONSUL NAHA

TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 1525

MARCORB CAMP UTLER

COMUSJAPAN FUCHU JAPAN

COMNAVFORJAPAN YOKOSUKA JAPAN

CG THIRD MAF

CG THIRD MARDIV

USAGO FORT BUCKNER

COMFLEACTS NAHA

3RD AIR DIV KADENA

CINCPAC

C O N F I D E N T I A L 445

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, JA

SUBJECT: OKINAWA DEMONSTRATORS FORCE SUSPENSION OF U.S.
MARINE FIRING EXERCISES

PAGE 2 RHAIBQA4925 C O N F I D E N T I A L

REF: NAHA 438

1. LEFTIST DEMONSTRATORS FORCED PARTIAL SUSPENSION OF USMC ARTILLERY
FIRING EXERCISE OVER OKINAWA PREFECTURAL HIGHWAY 104 ON
OCT 16 AND COMPLETE SUSPENSION OF EXERCISE SCHEDULED FOR OCT 17.

2. USMC SOURCES (WHICH REPORTING INCIDENT SEPARATELY) CONFIRM THAT
OKINAWAN PRESS COVERAGE OF EVENTS ON OCT 16 WAS GENERALLY ACCURATE.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 NAHA 00445 170938Z

MORNING PHASE OF EXERCISE TOOK PLACE AFTER SLIGHT DELAY IN WHICH

POLICE CLEARED DEMONSTRATORS. DURING RECESS BETWEEN 1200 AND 1300 HOURS, PROTESTORS PARKED SOME 100 CARS ON HIGGWAY. POLICE GRADUALLY REMOVED CARS, BUT FIRING COULD NOT BE RESUMED ON AFTERNOON OF OCT 16. DURING SCUFFLES WITH RIOT POLICE, SEVERAL PERSONS WERE INJURED INCLUDING SOCIALIST DIET MEMBER UEHARA (FORMER HEAD OF ZENGUNRO, MILITARY WORKERS UNION).

3. USMC SOURCES STATE THAT STUDENT ACTIVISTS REMAINED IN AREA OVER-NIGHT AND WERE CAMPED AT FIRING IMPACT AREA ON THE MORNING OF OCT 17. POLICE MADE EFFORTS TO DISLODGE THEM, BUT DELAY FINALLY FORCED CANCELLATION OF ENTIRE DAYS EXERCISE. THIS IS APPARENTLY THE FIRST TIME SUCH A FIRING EXERCISE HAS BEEN STOPPED COMPLETELY. USMC PLANS TO RESCHEDULE THE EXERCISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PERHAPS FOR OCT 28.

PAGE 3 RHAIBQA4925 C O N F I D E N T I A L

4. OCT 17 OKINAWA PRESS GAVE HEAVY COVERAGE TO EVENT WITH BLOW-BY-BLOW REPORT OF DEVELOPMENTS OCT 16 AND REPORT THAT JSP PLANS STRONG PLOTEST AGAINST JOG AND USG RE INJURIES TO DIET MEMBER UEHARA. LENGTHY ARTICLE ON BACKGROUND TO HIGHWAY 104 FIRING RANGE ALLEGED THAT USMC OFFICER IN CHARGE OF TRAINING COMMENTED THAT IF ARTILLERY TRAINING COULD NOT BE CONDUCTED ON A REGULAR SCHEDULE THERE WOULD BE NO SENSE FOR MARINES TO REMAIN ON OKINAWA.

5. COMMENT: LEFT IS CLEARLY FLEXING ITS MUSCLES, PLAYING BOTH ON BROAD SENSITIVITY TO NUCLEAR ISSUE AND DOWN-TO-EARTH PUBLIC CONCERNS OVER FIRING EXERCISES AND OIL PIPELINE. UEHARA INJURY WILL PROBABLY GET HEAVY PLAY, AND LEFT WILL WANT TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM BY AGAIN INTERFERING WITH USMC ARTILLERY EXERCISE IF IT IS RESCHEDULED SOON. NOT CLEAR AS YET WHETHER UPSURGE IN LOCAL OKINAWAN LEFTIST PROTEST ACTIVITY IS RELATED TO PROSPECTIVE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO JAPAN OR SIMPLY TO CONVERGENCE OF EVENTS, INCLUDING LAROCQUE TESTIMONY AND ARTILLERY EXERCISE.

FURNESS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS, MILITARY EXERCISES, EXTREMISTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 17 OCT 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: shawdg
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974NAHA00445
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740295-0700
From: NAHA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741039/aaaabhfy.tel
Line Count: 95
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION PM
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: NAHA 438
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: shawdg
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 31 JUL 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <31 JUL 2002 by martinml>; APPROVED <19 MAR 2003 by shawdg>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: OKINAWA DEMONSTRATORS FORCE SUSPENSION OF U.S. MARINE FIRING EXERCISES
TAGS: MARR, JA
To: TOKYO
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005